

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION SERVICE

Question No. 74

Senator Colbeck asked the following question at the hearing on 8 February 2010:

Can ACBPS advise on the operation of the *Oceanic Viking* for the first half of this financial year (2009-2010)?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

The ACV *Oceanic Viking* commenced a southern patrol on 15 June 2009, which concluded on 30 July 2009. The ACV *Oceanic Viking* then undertook three northern patrols in the period to 31 December as follows:

- 11 August to 24 September (45 patrol days)
- 25 September to 1 November (38 patrol days); and
- 2 November to 16 December (42 patrol days, not including a 3 day stop-over in Singapore from 19 to 21 November).

This equates to a total of 155 patrol days for the ACV *Oceanic Viking* for the first half of the 2009-2010 financial year.